



President Bill Clinton shakes hands with service members after his remarks at the Andrews AFB joint service open house.

Commemorating Armed Forces Day Anniversary

Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

— Foul weather stayed away long enough for the president, secretary of defense and other leaders to tout the accomplishments of America's military on the 50th anniversary of Armed Forces Day, May 19.

President Bill Clinton, former Ohio Sen. John Glenn, Defense Secretary William Cohen, and Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater spoke of the importance of celebrating Armed Forces Day at a joint service open house here.

Army Secretary Louis Caldera and Navy Secretary Richard Danzig joined former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired GEN John Shalikashvili and retired Air Force Gen. David Jones at the ceremony. Members of the current Joint Chiefs of Staff, led by Chairman GEN Henry H. Shelton and Vice Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, also attended.

In 1950 President Harry S. Truman called on Americans to "display the flag of the United States at their homes on Armed Forces Day and to participate in exercises expressive of our recognition of the skill, gallantry and uncompromising devotion

to duty characteristic of the armed forces in the carrying out of their missions." — SSG Kathleen T. Rhem, *American Forces Press Service*

Global Hawk Spreads Its Wings

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio — Winging its way toward Europe for the first time, Air Force's Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle No. 4 took off from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., flew nonstop to Portugal, carried out some radar-imagery tasks and then returned to Eglin. The vehicle flew in support of the international joint military force exercise Linked Seas '00, held in May.

During this flight the UAV first traveled up the eastern coast of the United States, climbing to 51,000 feet. From that height, it completed direct down-link of radar imagery to Army systems located at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Navy systems aboard the USS *George Washington*, docked at Norfolk, Va.

Global Hawk then banked toward Europe, head-

ing east across the Atlantic and passing north of the Azores Islands, en route to Portugal.

While over Portugal, Global Hawk took radar imagery of points in Portugal and the Madeira Islands, disseminating these images via the Royal Air Force station at Molesworth, England, to the regional command for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic, said Lt. Col. Mike Trundy, deployment commander for the Global Hawk Office of the Aeronautical Systems Center, which is developing the new UAV for future Department of Defense applications.

This was the 50th successful mission for the Global Hawk Test and Demonstration Program with several "firsts," said Trundy. — *Sue Baker, ASC Public Affairs Office*

New Agency to Ensure Contract Quality

Fort Belvoir, Va. — The Department of Defense has created an agency to oversee billions of dollars worth of contracts. The Defense Contract Management Agency was a major subordinate command of the Defense Logistics Agency, and was known as the

Defense Contract Management Command. DCMA is now a separate agency.

"The Defense Contract Management Agency is really on the front lines of our efforts to change the way we do business in the Department of Defense," said Jacques Gansler, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and



Jacques Gansler, Chief Master Sgt. Herbert Rhay and Maj. Gen. Tim Malishenko unfurl the DCMA colors.

logistics. "This assures that our warfighters have the very best equipment at an affordable price."

According to Gansler, the agency will continue to "strive for world-class performance in defense contracting."

The agency has 13,000 people with 70 offices around the world. The headquarters will remain at Fort Belvoir. The agency oversees 23,000 contractors and more than 350,000 contracts — worth about \$900 billion — for everything from aircraft and tanks to facilities construction and spare parts. — *Jim Garamone, AFPS*



Global Hawk air vehicle No. 4 flew a 28-hour, nonstop sortie from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., to Portugal during Exercise Linked Seas '00.

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